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BLM seeks comments on natural gas development proposal near Whitewater

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comments on an oil and natural gas development proposal 15 miles east of Grand Junction near Whitewater, Colo.

Fram Operating, LLC, is proposing to develop up to 108 wells from 12 new well pads over four years beginning in 2012. About one mile of new roads and 27 miles of pipeline would be constructed. The proposal area covers 26,000 acres in Mesa County.

Before BLM begins its Environmental Assessment of this proposal, it wants to hear any concerns or comments from the public. The Environmental Assessment will also be made available for public review and comment once it is drafted.

This proposal replaces a much larger development proposal for the Whitewater area submitted by Fram in spring 2010 that included lands in both Delta and Mesa counties. Because Fram has withdrawn that earlier proposal, the public comments BLM received on that proposal do not apply to this new proposal.

Fram and BLM will hold a public open house meeting Nov. 8 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Grand Junction Doubletree Inn, 743 Horizon Drive. The public can stop by anytime during this open house to learn more about the new proposal and provide written comments.

Written comments will be most helpful if received by Dec. 1, 2011 and should be sent to the Grand Junction Field Office at 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506. Comments may also be submitted via email at BLM_CO_GJ_WEB_MAIL@blm.gov.

Copies of Fram's Master Development Plan are available for review at the BLM Grand Junction Field Office. Digital copies of Fram's proposal and a project map are available at <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/gjfo.html>. For more information, contact Julia Christiansen at 970-244-3093.

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